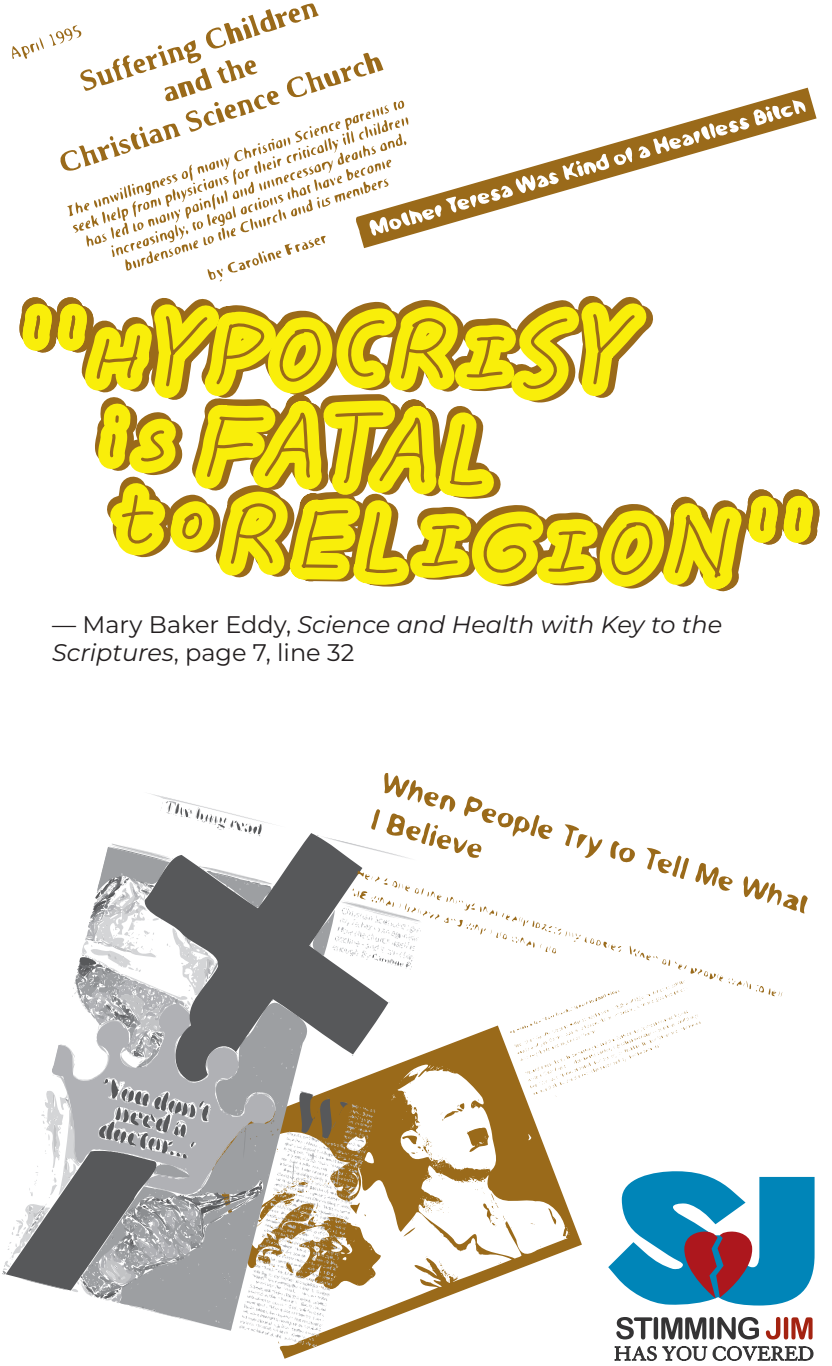
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Suffering Children and the Christian Science Church
The unwillingness of many Christian Science parents to seek help from physicians for their critically ill children has led to many painful and unnecessary deaths and, increasingly, to legal actions that have become burdensome to the Church and its members
by Caroline Fraser
Mother Teresa Was Kind of a Heartless Bitch
"HYPOCRISY is FATAL to RELIGION"
When People Try to Tell Me What I Believe
You don't need a doctor...
STIMMING JIM
HAS YOU COVERED

— Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, page 7, line 32

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“In August 2012, months after [Elliot] Rodger's father gave him *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne—a self-help book that promotes the law of attraction—in February of that year, Rodger spent a month meditating in his bedroom...

he imagined himself becoming wealthy and attracting women. The following month, after failing to win a $120 million Mega Millions jackpot, Rodger...visited a shooting range to learn how to use a firearm.”

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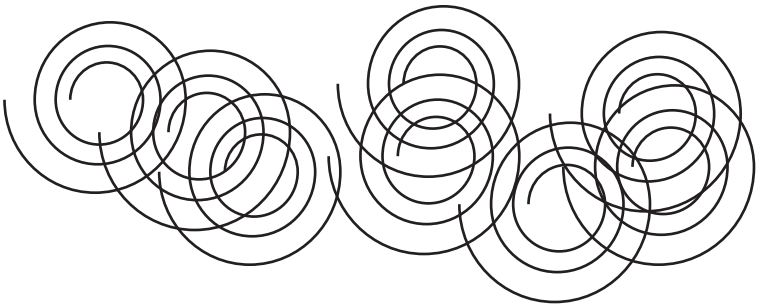
-- from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elliot_Rodger



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Gateway to Hell?

"*The Secret*...is based on the belief of the pseudoscientific law of attraction, which claims that thought alone can influence objective circumstances within one's life."

— from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Secret_(Byrne_book)

"Toxic positivity involves a limited ability to acknowledge one's own anger or sadness."

— from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toxic_positivity

Mother Teresa:

“There is something beautiful in seeing the poor accept their lot, to suffer it like Christ’s Passion. The world gains much from their suffering.”

-- Mother Teresa in response to allegations of neglect in the face of plenty of raised money

See: Mitchell Sunderland, “Mother Teresa Was Kind of a Heartless Bitch,” *Vice*, https://web.archive.org/web/20250302084047/https://www.vice.com/en/article/mother-teresa-was-kind-of-a-heartless-bitch/

(also) Mother Teresa:

“To me, the nations with legalized abortion are the poorest nations...The greatest destroyer of peace today is the crime against the unborn child.”

-- Mother Teresa in her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech

Have you ever "Metta" bunch of facts?

Gandhi wrote "Dear Friend" letters to Hitler!

"...it's quite something to see the 20th century's most revered figures write a "Dear friend..." letter to the century's greatest monster -- and then add things like, "We have no doubt about your bravery or devotion to your fatherland, nor do we believe that you are the monster described by your opponents.""
-- https://web.archive.org/web/20211124052533/https://allthatsinteresting.com/gandhi-facts-quotes-dark-side#4

Gandhi was racist!

"He was staunchly racist for at least much of his adulthood."
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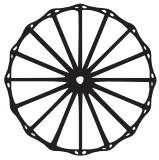
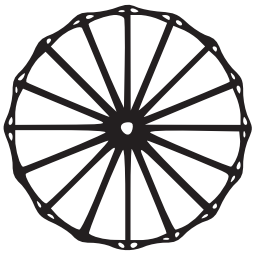
hyp  crisy?

Gandhi did a whole bunch of REALLY CREEPY THINGS!

-- https://web.archive.org/web/20211124052533/https://allthatsinteresting.com/gandhi-facts-quotes-dark-side

Other nonviolence activists tend to have skeletons in their closets, too!

Combine this with all the crap we're <u>all</u> facing, and we have a recipe for some quite nasty outcomes!



HYPOCRISY IS <u>NOT</u> CONSTRUCTIVE!

TRAUMA, PAIN, SICKNESS, &c.

Bizarre Suggestibility?

"A disturbing denial or avoidance syndrome, and even outright lies and deception, are used to cover-up or sanitize the dangerous reality on campus of very serious nervous breakdowns, episodes of dangerous and bizarre behavior, suicidal and homicidal ideation, threats and attempts, psychotic episodes, crime, depression and manic behavior that often accompanied roundings (intensive group meditations with brainwashing techniques). Euphemisms are employed to describe essentially dangerous, unstable and injurious behavior. "Unstressing," for example, "Baking" is another."

https://www.suggestibility.org/surprise.php#denaro

Badness to the Bone?

"Imagine those children at home, being told by their parents that their illness is not real and that the pain they feel is not a part of the real world--God's world. Imagine yourself at six or nine or twelve being very sick and hearing your parents read to you Eddy's definition of man, which begins, "Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements." Imagine what happens to a child when her cancer goes untreated for months. And then imagine how it feels. If you can bear to imagine that, you will be imagining what actually happened to Ashley King. Ashley King died in 1988. She was twelve years old, and she had bone cancer."

https://web.archive.org/web/20040229005840/http://www.theatlantic.com/unbound/flashbks/xsci/suffer.htm

"Let's Calm Down. We're Seeing Good Happen Here."

"This obliviousness of the reality of pain and suffering has been documented in trial after trial. The testimony of Nancy Calkins, the practitioner who treated Robyn Twitchell, shows that Calkins was obsessed with keeping Robyn's frantic mother calm moments before Robyn died. "Let's just be calm here and take this a step at a time . . . we're seeing good here. Let's just keep calm," she told Ginger Twitchell. And after she pointed out to Robyn's parents that their child had just died in their arms--or, as she put it, "passed"--she was intent not on acknowledging Robyn's mother's grief but on moderating and containing it."

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"It's all better, Mommy!" <passes away>

"I am certain it was that same complacency that killed a child I knew, Michael Schram, whose appendix burst when he was twelve. His mother, Betty, whom I remember as a very kind, quiet woman, patient with children, sat calmly on their couch with him the night he died and, apparently just as calmly, sat beside his dead body for two and a half days, praying, she later told the local paper, with "the idea of rousing him.""

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"Even at that, she [Betty Schram] continued, her son later got up, washed himself and brushed his teeth, and got in bed. "And then, he said, 'It's all better, Mommy'...and in a few minutes he was gone." Her voice choked with tears."

—*Mercer Island Reporter*, Mercer Island, WA, USA, September 26, 1979, Page A1

A Miasma of Decay?

"You could smell it out in the hall. When I opened the door, a skull with the features of my father lifted itself up off the mattress and stared at me. He was in a hospital bed, but he wasn't in a hospital. He was in Sunrise Haven, a Christian Science nursing home, and the smell was decay, from the gangrene in his left foot."

-- Caroline Fraser, 'You don't need a doctor...', *The Guardian*, London, England, UK, 6 August 2019, Page A10

THE PRECEDING HAS BEEN JUST A SAMPLING OF HORRIFIC PAIN, TRAUMA, INJUSTICE, &c.!

A Response to the Madcap Christian Scientist

There are problems with your blog post, "When People Try to Tell Me What I Believe", on your blog, *Adventures of the Madcap Christian Scientist*. Let's begin some analysis, shall we?

You write:

"Here's one of the things that really toasts my cookies: When other people want to tell ME what I believe and why I do what I do.

Classic example: Several years ago, I was trying to share my spiritual beliefs with someone else, and instead of listening and learning more about what I believed right from the source (me), this person actually told me that he'd gone to Wikipedia to find out what I believed, and that I should go there, too, to find out what I believed. Which. What?!! Here I am, right in front of you, sharing my thoughts and feelings and beliefs, and you're telling me to find out what I REALLY believe in Wikipedia?!! Sheesh."

-- https://madcapchristianscientist.com/2026/04/03/when-people-try-to-tell-me-what-i-believe/

We've got some recommended reading for you, our dear friend!

From Stimpunks Foundation:

Epistemic Injustice:
https://stimpunks.org/glossary/epistemic-injustice/

Lateral Reading:
https://stimpunks.org/glossary/lateral-reading/

Critical thinking:
https://stimpunks.org/glossary/critical-thinking/

Scientism:
https://stimpunks.org/glossary/scientism/

Justice & Systems: Name the Power:
https://stimpunks.org/systems/

Double Empathy Problem:
https://stimpunks.org/glossary/double-empathy-problem/

Double Empathy Extreme Problem:
https://stimpunks.org/glossary/double-empathy-extreme-problem/

Triple Empathy Problem:
https://stimpunks.org/glossary/triple-empathy-problem/

MADCAP CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST, IT IS MOST CERTAINLY YOUR TURN TO LISTEN TO US, OUR DEAR FRIEND!

I, STIMMING JIM, KEEP FINDING HYPOCRISY EVERYWHERE. THE GASLIGHTING TRICK ISN'T WORKING SO WELL ANYMORE.